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Applicants: Ann Marie Schmidt and David Stern
Serial No.: 09/166,649 Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed : October 5, 1998 Examiner: E. O'Hara
For : METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE
WITH RAGE

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM
THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2001 finally rejecting pending claims 1-2, 4-8, 11-13, 15, 17-18, 20-22 and 24-29 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing an Amendment in Response to December 19, 2001 Final Office Action and Petition For a Three-Month Extension of Time. With a three-month extension of time, the subject application is pending today, i.e. June 19, 2002. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

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The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$160.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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